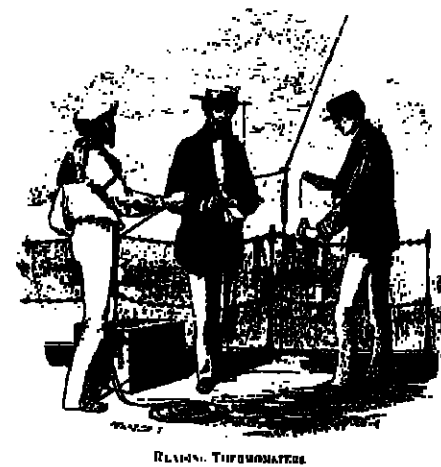


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MIZEX West: Bering Sea Marginal Ice Zone Experiment

MIZEX West Study Group¹

Introduction

The most thorough field study of the Bering Sea Marginal Ice Zone (MIZ) attempted to date was conducted February 5-27, 1983. This study, MIZEX West, was part of a larger program addressing processes which control interactions among the atmosphere, ice, and oceans in the northern hemisphere MIZs [Muench, 1983a]. The other part of this overall program, MIZEX East, addresses processes in the Greenland Sea MIZ [McPherson, 1983a].

MIZEX West is an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional program that addresses a broad spectrum of physical problems related to the Bering Sea MIZ. Oceanographic studies attempt to measure and explain dynamically the frontal structure associated with the ice edge. Sea ice studies address the dynamic processes which control ice movement, ice interactions, and melting. Meteorological data contribute to knowledge of wind stress transfer through an ice cover and development of atmospheric boundary layers. Remote sensing information contributes to knowledge of the ice cover and enhances our ability to apply aircraft- or satellite-acquired data to the study of arctic regions. This article summarizes the goals, methods, and some preliminary results from MIZEX West.

The MIZEX West program took place along the central Bering Sea MIZ (Figure 1). This program consisted of an intensive field experiment in the vicinity of and north of the ice edge February 5-27, 1983, during the time of maximum ice extent and most rapid growth. The winter experiment employed the following research platform:

(1) The NOAA Ship *Discoverer*. This vessel was equipped with a conductivity/temperature/depth (CTD) sensing system and with instrumentation for both surface meteorological and upper air observations. It was used as a base for deployment of personnel and remote instrumentation onto the ice, and housed equipment for recording data from these instruments and tracking them. With an ice-strengthened hull, the *Discoverer* was able to work in the relatively loose, broken ice in and near the ice edge.

(2) The U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Westwind*. This ship was equipped with oceanographic and meteorological instrumentation similar to that on the *Discoverer* and was likewise used to deploy personnel and instrumentation onto the ice. In addition, *Westwind* had two helicopters which were used for gear and personnel deployment and recovery at locations remote from the ship. These helicopters were essential for such experiments as the wave attenuation experiment summarized below. The icebreaking capability of *Westwind* allowed it to operate in the relatively solid ice well north of the edge, where *Discoverer* could not penetrate.

(3) The NOAA WP-3D Research Aircraft. This aircraft was based in Anchorage, Alaska, and overflew the experiment five times. The aircraft was equipped with gust probes to measure atmospheric turbulence and a SLAR (side-looking air radar), laser profilometer, and cameras to observe ice properties. The WP-3D flew over the study region at altitudes between 50 and 1500 m.

(4) The NASA CV-990 Airborne Laboratory. The NASA aircraft, which was also based in Anchorage, was equipped with several passive microwave radiometers, an infrared radiometer, two photographic cameras, and a version of the radar altimeter planned for the European Space Agency satellite ERS. The aircraft made five mosaic flights over the research area at an altitude of 10,000 m. Visual and photographic records of the general ice characteristics also made during the flights provided supporting data for interpreting the microwave measurements.

Information obtained from these four platforms was supplemented with current and other data from four moorings (Figure 1) which were deployed in October 1982 and recovered in May 1983 using the University of Alaska research vessel *Alpha Helix*. The above research platforms and instrumentation constituted the MIZEX West core field program. Additional CTD data were obtained from the study area during the period from February 20 to March 18 using the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker *Polar Sea*. Imagery was also obtained routinely from both the Nimbus and NOAA satellites. Finally, the National Weather Service office in Anchorage, Alaska provided real-time surface weather maps and ice distribution charts.

The Scientific Program Oceanographic Studies

The oceanography portion of the program focused upon improving understanding of the oceanic frontal structure associated with the Bering Sea ice edge [Muench, 1983b]. To this end, four moored current moorings were deployed at locations (Figure 1) which bracketed the winter ice edge. Depths of current observation (Figure 2) were selected so as to measure currents in the upper and lower layers and near the frontal transition, as illustrated on Figure 6. In addition to the cur-

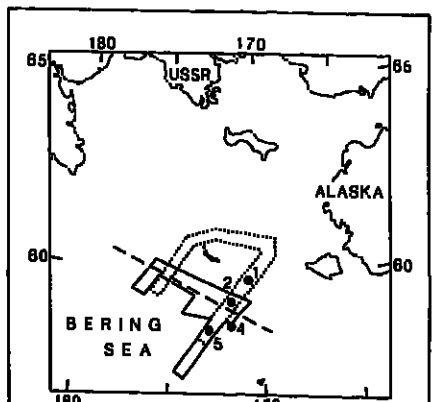


Fig. 1. Geographical location of the MIZEX West operations area. Solid line encompasses the area covered by the NOAA Ship *Discoverer*. Dotted line encloses the area covered by the Coast Guard icebreaker *Westwind*. Numbered dots show locations of current moorings. Dashed line indicates approximate ice edge location during the experiment.

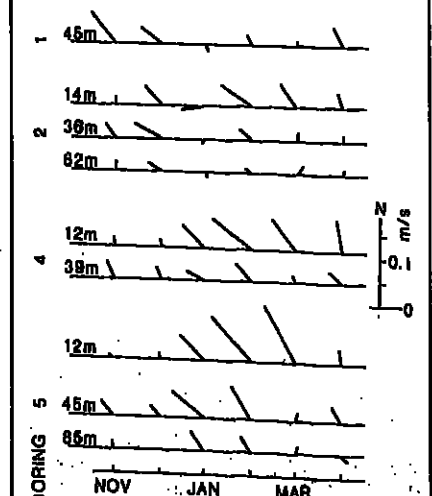


Fig. 2. Monthly vector-averaged currents obtained from the MIZEX West moorings. Mooring locations are shown in Figure 1 and depths of observations are given in meters at the left end of each time-axis.

rent meters, bottom-mounted pressure gauges were deployed at moorings 1, 2, and 5 to measure fluctuations in the cross-shelf pressure field. The near-surface meters on moorings 2, 4, and 5 were vector-averaging acoustic current meters; the remaining current meters were Savonius rotor units.

To augment the current data, temperature (T) and salinity (S) transects were made across the ice edge from three different vessels from February 5 through March 18. These T and S data were sufficient to estimate mesoscale temperature and salinity features associated with the midwinter ice edge. The CTD data were supplemented with time-series of temperature obtained from each of the current meters and pressure gauges and with salinity data from the middepth current meters at moorings 2, 4, and 5. In addition to the winter data, CTD data were obtained from the study region in October 1982 and May 1983 during the deployment and recovery of the current moorings.

The current and CTD data obtained during MIZEX West provided excellent definition of the ice-edge-associated oceanic frontal structure. Figure 3 shows preliminary results from the current meters. The high, north-northwestward, near-surface current speeds associated with the ice edge front in February and March are apparent. These speeds were highest (nearly 0.15 m s⁻¹) in March at mooring 5, at a time and location where ice melting would be expected to contribute maximum freshwater input (hence baroclinic driving for the ice edge current) to the water column. Also apparent is the regional mean northwesterly flow which persisted throughout the mooring period.

The CTD data substantiated the frontal structure described for the Bering Sea ice edge region by Muench [1983b] and shown schematically in Figure 6. These data were adequate, moreover, to define temporal fluctuations in the T and S fields and to greatly improve existing documentation of regional winter T and S distributions.

Wave-Ice Interaction Studies

The energy loss suffered by ocean waves traveling through Bering Sea pack ice was studied during three experiments that took place from *Westwind*. The importance of these waves lies in their ability to fracture the large interior floes into smaller floes which are typical of the MIZ. In each experiment the wave-induced vertical acceleration (heave) of ice floes was measured along a line in the direction of the principal swell as observed from *Discoverer*. Whenever possible, the station separation was chosen to be the maximum possible within the constraints of helicopter range. The data were collected by vertical accelerometers allowed to record for 20 minutes at each successive location.

Preliminary power spectral analyses of the vertical acceleration data have revealed that ocean waves present during each experiment were at unusually long periods (Figure 3). The lowpass filtering effect of the ice cover could be clearly seen in the data, as spectral peaks became narrower with increasing distance from the ice edge. The decay in significant wave height with distance from the ice edge in Figure 4 is in excellent agreement between the observed wave attenuation and a simple exponential decay law.

Ice Dynamics Studies

Sea ice motion in the MIZ was measured with three different sets of buoys deployed from both *Westwind* and *Discoverer*. A set of four radar-tracked buoys deployed on the ice from *Westwind* had horizontal separations ranging from 0.5 to 5 km and was tracked at 0.5-hr intervals over an 11-day period using the LORAN-C and the radar range and bearing of each buoy. This radar-tracked array was nested inside a second triangular array of eight satellite-tracked ARGOS buoys with separations of 10 to 40 km (Figure 5). These buoys drifted westward approximately 350 km in 14 days, while the ice edge advanced 30 km. Two of the array sites were equipped with an anemometer, current meter, and air and water thermistors; these data were recovered from the GOES satellite. Comparison of the drift data with 10-m winds shows that the ice floes initially drifted at 4% of the wind speed, increasing to 7% of the wind speed within 30 km of the ice edge.

A similar series of ice drift and deformation experiments was done in the ice edge region from *Discoverer*. These experiments documented further the rapid drift and divergent ice field near the ice edge.

The radar transponder drift buoys each contained tri-axial accelerometers which measured vertical and horizontal accelerations of the ice floes in the 0.5 to 20 s range. These accelerations were transmitted for 20 minutes out of each hour to the ships for recording. The acceleration data show both propagation of ocean swell into the pack and high-frequency ice collisions. In addition to the deformation studies, ice

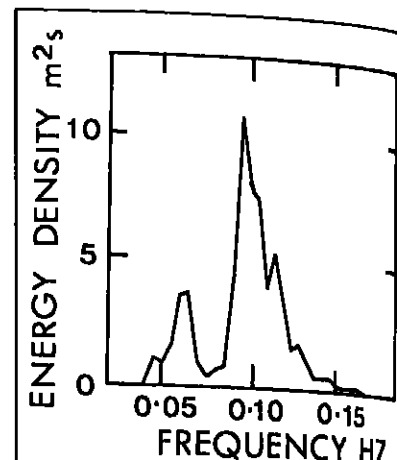


Fig. 3. Energy spectrum from a wave buoy deployed on an ice floe 15 km into the ice from the edge. The primary energy peak at 0.10 Hz is due to a locally wind-generated sea. The secondary, 0.06-second (0.06 Hz) peak reflects swell propagating into the region from the North Pacific.

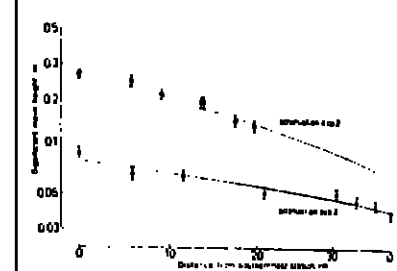


Fig. 4. Decay of significant wave height with increasing distance into the ice, for two separate experiments.

floes were instrumented along the edge to test the hypotheses of Wadhams [1983] and Martin et al. [1983] that locally wind-generated waves herd the loose ice along the edge into bands, then drive these bands in a downwind direction to effectively increase ice divergence at the edge. The results confirmed the effectiveness of this mechanism. Other classes of ice edge bands were also observed. In at least one instance a band was parallel to, and apparently caused by, the wind field associated with an atmospheric vortex, as suggested by Muench and Chinn [1977]. Additional bands were observed which had formed from a regular array of narrow leads which opened normal to the wind direction. A marked circulation of individual ice floes internal to each band was noted. This circulation was capable of incorporating floes (or small boats) along the leeward edge of the band rapidly into the band interior.

Ice Edge Ablation

One of the major contributors to the ice edge salt and heat balance is the melting of ice floes as the wind advects them south across the front into warmer water. To study this melting, an ice floe measuring about 30 m by 40 m was instrumented with melt gauges over a 1.2-m thick, smooth portion of the floe. The floe was also instrumented with a current meter, an anemometer, and a radar transponder. It was then tracked over a 44-hour period as northeast winds blew the floe into warmer water at speeds of up to 0.5 m s⁻¹.

The floe was initially in sea water at -1.5°C. Over the next 24 hours the water temperature increased from -1.5°C to 0°C and the observed bottom melt rate was 7 mm hr⁻¹. Over the next 20 hours the water temperature increased to +1.0°C, and the melt rate increased to 20 mm hr⁻¹. Over the entire 44-hour experiment, the ice thickness decreased by 0.6 m. At the same time, the floe was carried into near-open water and suffered severe erosion at the top. The erosion from waves washing over the floe. The increase in bottom, top, and side melting occurring as the water temperature increased owing to floe advection and wave erosion at the sides and edges supports the idea derived from previous cruises that the 1.0°C isotherm is the boundary which will allow testing of theories by Josberger [1983] and McPherson [1983b] concerning ice melting.

Meteorological Observations

The meteorological observation program focused on boundary layer processes associated with passage of air from the ice cover over open water and upon vertical fluxes of heat, moisture, and momentum. Surface observations obtained from both vessels and ice camps deployed from the ship included air temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, and pressure. Upper air observations taken from both vessels included temperature and humidity. Gust probe measurements taken during five flights of the WP-3D Research Aircraft allow estimation of vertical fluxes of heat, momentum, and moisture. Upward- and downward-looking radiative measurement devices were used to estimate radiative fluxes.

The data obtained appear adequate to construct an atmospheric heat budget for the MIZ region. The meteorological conditions which prevailed through the field program (northeast winds blowing off-ice) yielded strong boundary layer development along the ice edge. Hence the data are expected to be useful for testing a hypothesis proposed for MIZ boundary layer development by Overland et al. [1983]. Combined wind, ice, and water motion observations should also be adequate to test previous drag coefficient values reported by Pease et al. [1983] and Macklin [1983].

Remote Sensing Studies

A major goal of the remote sensing program is to study microwave radiometric properties of the Bering MIZ for the purpose of further improving sea ice concentration retrievals from space observations. Although passive microwave techniques have a proven ability to provide useful sea ice observations under all conditions of weather and seasons, there are still unresolved problems which limit significantly the accuracy of calculated ice concentrations [Cavalieri et al., 1983]. This is especially the case in the marginal ice zones, which are characterized by new ice production and growth and by rapid ice cover changes. The problem is to resolve ambiguities that are associated with the presence, within the field-of-view of the instrument, of open water and of new, young, and thin first-year ice types. Variations in ice type coverage are suspected to result in false concentration gradients within both the ice-edge zone and interior pack.

One approach in resolving this problem will be to examine the polarization and spectral characteristics of the ice cover at wavelengths ranging from millimeter to centimeter in order to obtain distinctive microwave signatures for each of the various species of first-year sea ice. Data from both airborne and spacecraft sensors will be used for this purpose. The aircraft's 0.33-cm wavelength

imaging radiometer, for example, gives excellent definition of the ice edge, ice bands, and areas of open water within the pack. Variations of brightness temperature from consolidated pack ice presumably reflect variations of surface characteristics associated with different ice types. Other approaches to this problem will include combined active/passive studies employing selected passive microwave wavelengths and radar altimeter returns.

Preliminary results from a comparison of Nimbus 7 satellite microwave imagery with aircraft observations confirm that the satellite correctly locates the ice edge position and the regions of low ice concentration associated with lee shore polynyas (see cover figure). However, a significant fraction of the concentration gradients within the interior pack derived from satellite data results from spatial variation of ice type. In the cover figure, for instance, currently calculated ice concentrations of 85% or greater are associated with a first-year thin or medium ice cover; concentrations between 65% and 85% are associated with young ice; and concentrations below 55% are associated with new ice. Further analysis, however, has shown that the 0.81-cm polarization can distinguish among new, young, and first-year sea ice. This result holds promise for the discrimination of these first-year ice types. We hope that further analysis using other wavelengths will uncover distinctive spectral signatures needed to identify unambiguously each of the ice types. Analysis of surface radiometric measurements and ice core results, obtained from both ships, should help confirm these early observations.

Summary

Figure 6 summarizes the observations from MIZEX West. The buoy drift results suggest that the MIZ divides into two parts: region 1, where ice motion at the 1-5 km scale is nearly solid body (i.e., is nearly that of a single mass) and where "leads" (irregular, ice-free areas) rapidly fill with ice; and region II, where the ice disperses in a near-random motion superimposed on the wind-driven displacement.

The region in which ice dispersion occurs is over the geostrophic current shear region associated with the ice edge front. Across this zone, the sea water temperature increases from the freezing point to approximately +1°C. The ice is broken up by ocean swell propagating into the pack and melts in the warmer water. At the same time, turbulent fluctuations associated with winds and currents deform and stretch the masses of ice into filaments or bands. Wind-waves generated on the open water accelerate these bands into the warmer water. There, ice melting over this two-layered system contributes to upper layer stability and helps maintain the alongfront geostrophic flow.

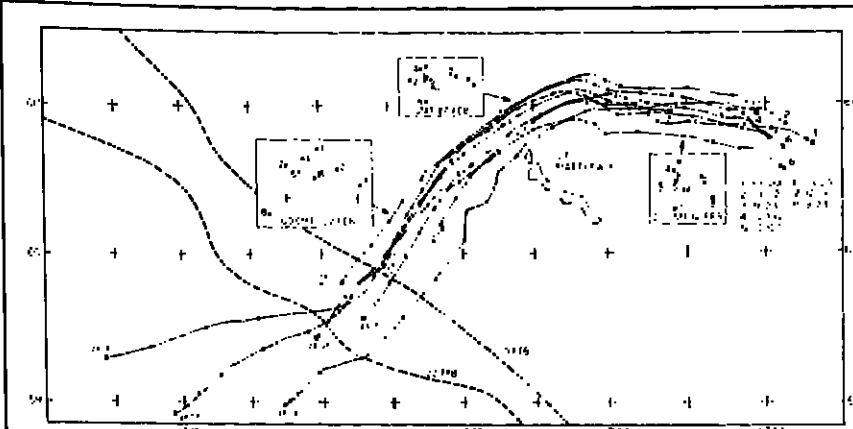


Fig. 5. Drift tracks for the eight ARGOS buoys deployed on the ice from *Westwind*. Dashed lines show approximate ice locations on February 10 and 22. Insets show relative locations of the buoys. Numbers at the beginning and end of track give the day counting from February 1 (UT). RCVD indicates recovery of the buoy.

As the wind blows over the open water of region II, the surface conditions change from cold ice to warm water. The corresponding flux of heat into the atmosphere creates a rapidly developing, unstable boundary layer which leads to the formation of roll vortices aligned approximately parallel to the wind and additional turbulence at the ocean surface.

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Christmas Island Birds Returning

Six months after their mass exodus, birds are beginning to return to Christmas Island. Roughly 17 million birds, almost the entire adult bird population, either perished or fled their mid-Pacific atoll home last autumn, leaving behind thousands of nestlings to starve (EOS, April 5, 1983, p. 131). It is believed that the strong El Niño altered the ecology of the surrounding waters and forced the birds to flee. Christmas Island is the world's largest coral atoll.

Ocean and atmosphere scientists are unsure of future directions for the El Niño conditions and cannot now predict what will happen to the birds in the coming months," said Ralph W. Schreiber, curator of ornithology at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County in California. He is the ornithologist who discovered the disappearance. "The recovery of the bird populations depends on the food supply in the waters surrounding the island." The island's birds feed exclusively on small fish and squid.

As part of a survey on the biology of tropical seabirds as affected by the El Niño, Schreiber returned to the island for 10 days in June to survey the bird population. He reports that individuals representing most of the 18 species that fled have returned in small numbers. Three species are breeding at a rate approaching pre-exodus levels.

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Dr. Ralph R.B. von Frese
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Department of Geology and Mineralogy
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Columbus, OH 43210

Phone: (614) 422-2635 or 422-2721

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University of Florida. The Department of Geology is seeking a tenure-track position beginning with the fall term, 1984. The position will be filled at the assistant or associate professor level. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate and some undergraduate courses in the use of state-of-the-art techniques in petroleum exploration geophysics. The successful applicant will also develop an innovative research program to complement our growing petroleum geology curriculum. Doctorate is required. Industrial experience in hydrocarbon exploration and/or petroleum geology is desirable. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate and some undergraduate courses in the use of state-of-the-art techniques in petroleum exploration geophysics. The successful applicant will also develop an innovative research program to complement our growing petroleum geology curriculum. Doctorate is required. Industrial experience in hydrocarbon exploration and/or petroleum geology is desirable.

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Resolutions of the 18th General Assembly of IUGG

Reproduced below are the 19 resolutions adopted at the 18th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), held in Hamburg August 15-27.

The resolutions passed by each quinquennial general assembly of IUGG are an important barometer of current opinion in the geophysics community, and as such they can be a powerful tool in the development of the scientific programs to which they are addressed. The resolutions will help advance programs, however, only if they are used. Carried home by the national committees which make up the IUGG, the resolutions spread information worldwide on programs that promise to most effectively advance geophysical knowledge. The IUGG intends that member groups will present the resolutions before deliberative bodies and otherwise use them to make decision makers aware of international scientific thought.

The following resolutions were adopted:

The XVIII General Assembly of IUGG:

1. Considering the scientific, technical, and economic importance of the African Doppler Survey (AIDSOS);

Noting the significance of this program for improving the knowledge of the figure of the Earth and for coordinating the various geodetic networks in Africa;

Noting that two training seminars on Doppler techniques are to be organized in collaboration with the IAG, as well as the Third International Symposium on Geodesy in Africa in 1985;

Requests the international and national cooperative organizations to support these activities.

2. Considering the extraordinary international importance of the U.S. Navy Navigation Satellite System, both in the science of geodesy and to civil surveying in this field;

Noting that (1) this system is due to be discontinued and (2) other precise satellite-based radio positioning systems such as the U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS) and the USSR Global Navigational Satellite System (GLONASS) are being developed or conceived;

Strongly urges the appropriate authorities to make available to the international scientific and civil community the information necessary to obtain maximum position accuracy from the new system.

3. Noting that a goal of Project MERIT (measurement of Earth's rotation and intercomparison of techniques) is to complete a comparative evaluation of the Earth rotation results obtained by different techniques during a dedicated campaign;

Considering that detailed standards are being prepared to accomplish this goal;

Recommends that all MERIT results be referred to these standards;

Urges that all participants in the Project adhere to the standards, models, and reference frames and to the protocols for their use as will be defined in the final MERIT Standard Document.

4. Noting that the transfer of angular momentum between the oceans, atmosphere, and solid Earth is rapidly emerging as a problem of great scientific importance, and in view of the significance of this coupling mechanism to fundamental studies in geodesy and solid-earth geophysics;

Recognizing that understanding the Earth's polar motion and rotation depends on an understanding of the effect of the atmosphere and oceans on the solid Earth;

Recommends that cooperative research efforts be encouraged in all countries in order to acquire relevant data and to bring together scientists from all disciplines in multidisciplinary studies of the angular momentum transfer between the solid Earth, the oceans, and the atmosphere.

5. Noting the recent demonstration that the angular momentum transfer between the atmosphere and the solid Earth evidently makes a major contribution to short-term variations in the length of the day and polar motion;

Considering that the Main Campaign of Project MERIT, during the period September 1, 1983, to October 31, 1984, will produce the highest resolution and most accurate measurements of Earth-rotation ever achieved;

Requests that the W.M.O. make every effort to collect the most complete possible set of global meteorological wind and pressure data and reduce these data in a consistent manner to obtain the highest quality atmospheric angular momentum and polar motion excitation function throughout this period, and especially during April through June 1984, concurrent with the period of high intensity MERIT observations.

6. Recognizing that the middle atmosphere is of crucial importance to the biosphere through the protection by ozone of the Earth's surface from harmful UV radiation, and because of its possible effects on tropospheric climate; and

Recognizing that understanding of middle atmospheric chemistry, radiation transfer, and dynamics is required for reliable prediction of the effects of human activity on the middle atmosphere;

Recommends that the agencies involved in space research develop and launch satellites to observe the observations of radiation and chemical and dynamical processes required for uninterrupted growth in our understanding of these processes.

7. Recognizing (1) that the World Climate Research Program requires atmospheric and oceanic observations over oceans, and that termination of Ocean Station PAPA in the North Pacific in 1981 constitutes a serious loss to the climate record, to atmospheric and oceanic research activities, and to operational weather forecasting; (2) that as a result of increasing cost of operation, special weather ships cannot be relied on to provide continuous fixed point observations; and that several North Pacific nations are cooperating under Canadian leadership in new ship-of-opportunity programs to provide oceanographic, surface meteorological, and upper air observations; and (3) the increasing capacity of satellites for oceanographic and meteorological observations over the world's oceans;

Comments the efforts of Canada and other cooperating countries in undertaking to develop a satisfactory ship-of-opportunity observing system for the North Pacific; and

Recommends that nations operating satellites over ocean areas be urged to take all steps to ensure the continuity and the quality of meteorological and oceanographic data.

8. Noting that more than ninety-five percent of the fresh water on the surface of the Earth is in the great sheets of Antarctica and Greenland, which may be subject to significant changes in volume on time scales of decades or centuries;

Aware that such changes could, through their effect on sea level, have an impact on mankind greater than all short-term climate-induced changes in lower latitudes;

Recognizing that there are at present no accurate data on changes in the total ice volume, but that now for the first time it is technically feasible by satellite altimetry to determine surface elevation changes as small as 0.5 m, which would allow detection of changes in volume of the Antarctic ice sheet of as little as 1 part in 5000;

Drawing attention to the fact that such changes would provide information about the effects of climate variations long before an unambiguous sea level signal was recognizable;

Wishes to point out the urgent need for and great value of including precise altimetry on a truly polar-orbiting (87-97 degree inclination) satellite; and

Urges that all altimeter-equipped satellites in high-latitude orbits should record the surface elevation of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets, and that these data should be made available to the scientific community.

9. Noting that the dynamics of the equatorial middle atmosphere are poorly understood, and, in particular, that there have been inadequate observations of such phenomena as equatorial waves, tides, gravity waves, and turbulence, and of their contribution to the momentum and heat budgets of this region;

Recommends that cooperative research efforts be encouraged in all countries in order to acquire relevant data and to bring together scientists from all disciplines in multidisciplinary studies of the angular momentum transfer between the solid Earth, the oceans, and the atmosphere.

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region, and taking into account the development of new ground based techniques such as MST/TST radars and lidars, and the refinement of partial reflection and meteor wind radars;

Recommends that one or more observations which combine many of these systems as possible be established at the earliest opportunity near the equator and preferably in the Eastern or Western Pacific, where extensive chains of stations already exist at high and mid-latitudes.

10. Noting the resolution of ICSC (Resolution 23 of Cambridge General Assembly) recognizing both the need for public understanding of the possible consequences of the nuclear arms race and the competence that could be mobilized by ICSC to make an assessment of the biological, medical, and physical effects of the use of nuclear weapons;

Noting further the establishment by the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) of a project on the effects of nuclear war on the atmosphere and the subsequent establishment by the General Committee of ICSC of a broadly based Steering Committee to guide the SCOPE project and to coordinate further proposals for action by members of the ICSC family;

Recognizing the desirability of avoiding any undue dispersion of effort by scientists in relation to the objective assessment of the effects of nuclear war;

Urges all Associations to forward any proposals for additional action to the ICSC Steering Committee.

11. Recognizing that the need for cartographic representation of the structure of the Earth's crust and upper mantle has become urgent;

Invites all interested Associations to participate actively in the projects of the Working Group on the comprehensive mapping of the Earth's crust and upper mantle established jointly by IASPEI and the Commission on the Geological Map of the World of IUGG.

12. Noting the resolution of the International Union of Geological Sciences concerning the Unesco Subprogramme X-1.1: Interdisciplinary Research on the Earth's Crust;

Endorses the general objectives of the Inter-Union Commission on the Lithosphere, and in particular, the special goal of strengthening the Earth sciences and their effective application in developing countries;

Supports the Resolution of the International Union of Geological Sciences;

Urges the General Conference of Unesco to authorize the Director General to include an adequate budget allocation for scientific meetings and symposia of the Inter-Union Commission on the Lithosphere and thus help Unesco to meet the targets of its Major Programme X: The Human Environment and Terrestrial and Marine Resources.

13. Noting the number of recent incidents involving high-level aircraft entering volcanic ash plumes, the difficulties of ground observers on or near volcanoes providing warning to pilots in the air, and the potentially disastrous hazard of engine failure caused by ash intakes;

Recommends that much closer links be established between national volcano-monitoring agencies and regional air-traffic control and meteorological offices, and between international aviation organizations (such as the International Air Transport Association and the International Civil Aviation Organization) and the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior.

14. Recalling Resolution 14 of the 17th General Assembly (Omberta), recommending the establishment of a Volcanological Institute for the Western Pacific;

Supports the Draft Project Document for improved training and research in volcanology in the Western Pacific that has been prepared by UNESCO's Regional Office for Science and Technology for Southeast Asia (ROSTSEA); and

Urges the UN to provide appropriate funds for the immediate implementation of this ROSTSEA project.

15. Noting the immense value to the scientific community of past international programs of coordinated data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation such as the International Geophysical Year, the International Year of the Quiet Sun, and the International Magnetospheric Survey;

Recognizing the importance, complexity, and dynamic nature of the solar-terrestrial interaction, and the need for international programs designed to acquire and analyze global data for quantitative

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